

FRYATT TRAIL

A popular backpacking gem with impressive peak views



Maintained trail, high priority



22 km one way



2 – 3 days



*Bikes permitted to Lower Fryatt campground



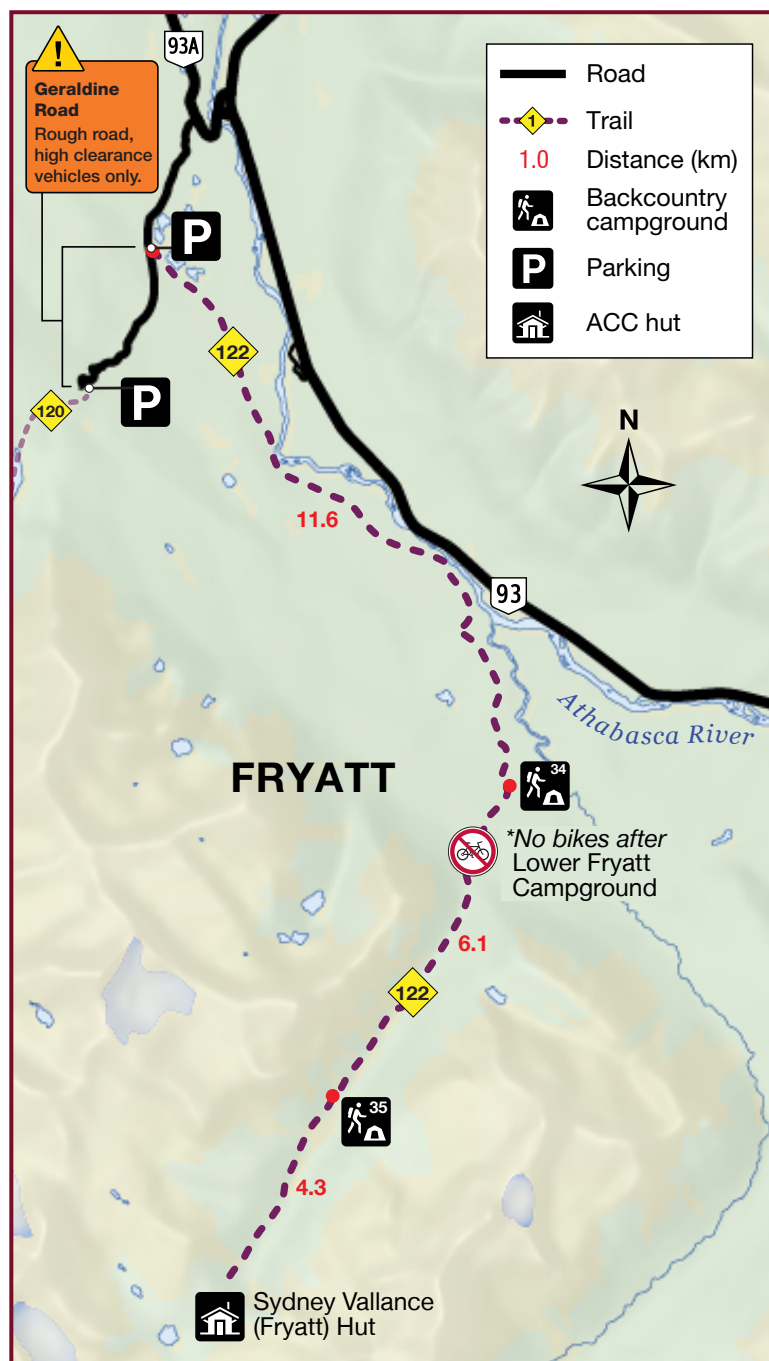
Dogs permitted



No horses

Is this trail for you?

Dramatic peaks and a picturesque hanging valley draw backpackers to this trail. The headwall accessing the hanging valley and the ACC hut is a very steep and strenuous ascent. Two campgrounds and an Alpine Club of Canada hut along the way provide options for itineraries. One popular choice is to make a base camp at Brussels Campground (#35) to explore the upper valley without a backpack. Lower Fryatt Campground (#34) is a good choice for an early or late season trip and can be travelled by mountain bike.



The details

The first 12 km of this trail to Lower Fryatt Campground (#34) is along an old fire road. Beyond Lower Fryatt Campground, the trail climbs steadily through the forest for another 4 km before reaching an open U-shaped valley. The views from Brussels Campground (#35) are stunning. Two kilometres past Brussels, the trail follows the shore of Fryatt Lake to the base of the headwall, at 21.1 km. From here, ascend the headwall, a steep 200 m climb, to the upper valley and the Sydney Vallance Hut (Alpine Club of Canada).

The Alpine Club of Canada (ACC) manages the beautiful Sydney Vallance hut (capacity 12) at the top of the headwall at km 22. Visit alpineclubofcanada.ca for information on booking the hut.



- The headwall is very steep and can be dangerous if you veer off the trail. Follow the yellow markers and backtrack if you lose the trail.
- The Headwall Campground has been removed as it was in an avalanche path. Camping is no longer permitted here.
- Experienced boaters with proper equipment can cross the Athabasca River just south of the Goats and Glaciers Viewpoint on the Icefields Parkway and cut 7 km from the hike. Note that the Athabasca River is fast and very cold (4-6°C). The crossing requires experience in swift water paddling, especially when water levels are high. The crossing is not recommended for novice paddlers.
- If travelling during winter months, be sure to check avalanche conditions, have the necessary knowledge, experience and avalanche safety gear. Consider hiring a guide.
- Porcupines may be present near campgrounds. They can be attracted to your equipment or anything with a salt content.
- Two tent pads at Lower Fryatt campground are recycled plastic lumber. While you cannot peg your tent onto these, there are 16 anchor points to use for securing your tent.



Safety is your responsibility.

Refer to the [Jasper National Park Backcountry Planning Guide](#):

- Descriptions of trail types and campground facilities;
- Equipment checklists;
- Responsible camping;
- Safety information.

Before heading out, check trail, weather and road conditions:

parks canada.gc.ca/jaspertrails

MAPS

NTS:

Athabasca Falls 83C/12

National Geographic:

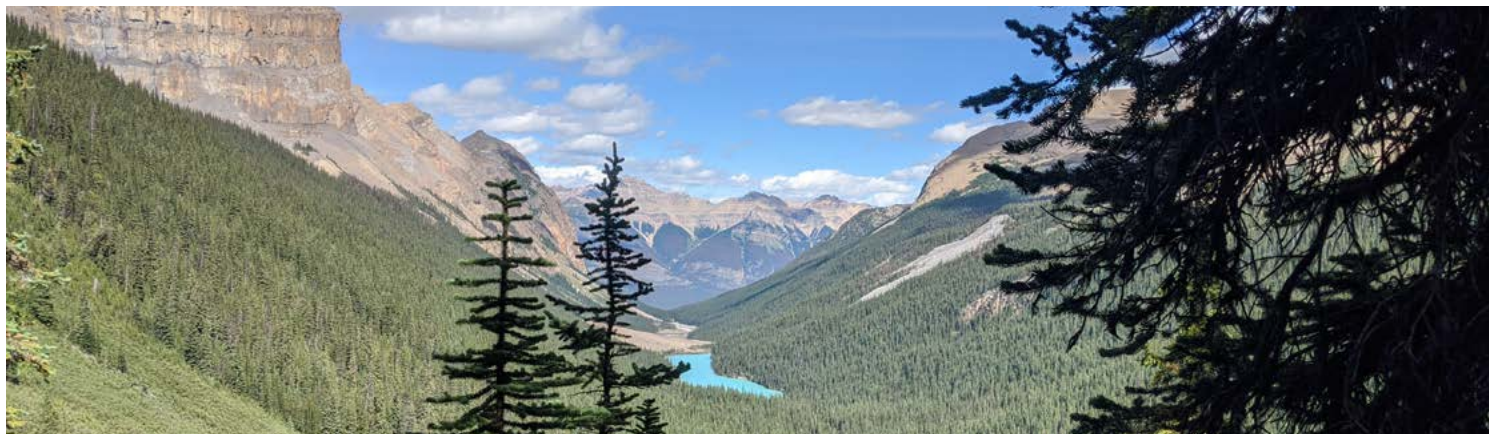
Jasper South

Gem Trek:

Jasper and Maligne Lake





PERMIT

A backcountry camping permit is mandatory for all overnight trips and can be obtained online at reservations.pc.gc.ca or by calling 1-877-737-3783.

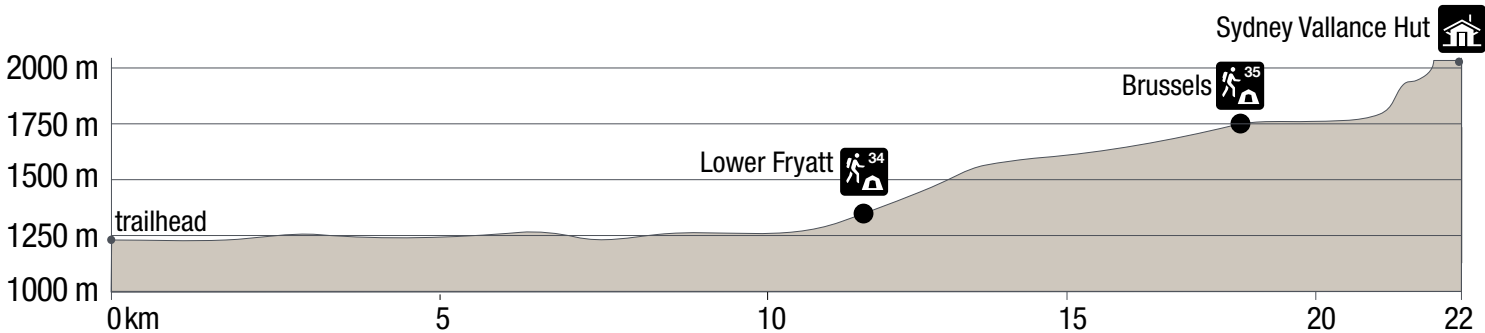




Campground information

Campground	Elevation (m)	Description	# of sites	Toilet Type	Food Storage	UTM
34 Lower Fryatt  	1280 m	This campground is located next to Fryatt Creek and a bridge crossing into the valley proper between mounts Christie and Fryatt. Bike access ends here. Some recycled plastic lumber tent pads. Use rope to secure your tent to the provided anchor points.	6	Throne	Lockers	11U 444505 5825366
35 Brussels  	1715 m	A somewhat forested site with beautiful views at the beginning of a large rockslide. This campground provides excellent access to the upper valley.	8	Barrel	Lockers	11U 441868 5820614

Elevation profile



HOW TO GET THERE

From Jasper: 31 km

- Take the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93) towards Lake Louise.
- At Athabasca Falls (30 km south of Jasper) turn right onto Wabasso Road (93A). Continue for 1 km.
- Turn left onto unpaved Geraldine Road and continue for 2 km.

From Banff: 255 km

- Follow the Icefields Parkway north towards Jasper.
- Turn left at the junction to Highway 93A and Athabasca Falls, 200 km north of Lake Louise.
- Turn left onto unpaved Geraldine Road and continue for 2 km.



Note: Geraldine Road is a seasonal access road that is open from mid-June to late September. Check 511.alberta.ca to confirm if the road is open.

This is a rough gravel road. High-clearance vehicles are recommended.
No trailers or RVs are permitted.

